# **Eugene Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

Date: Thursday, March 10, 2016

Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Sloat Conference Room

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**Public Works** 

Engineering

**BPAC Members in Attendance**: Allen Hancock, Seth Sadofsky, Bob Passaro, Steve Bade, Joel Krestik, Susan Stumpf, Bob Beals, Mike DeLuise, Amy Harter, Brian Johnson, Shane MacRhodes, Vivian Schoung, Alpha Wilson

BPAC Members Absent: Eliza Kashinsky, Kelsey Moore

Staff in Attendance: Reed Dunbar

Members of the Public: David Sonnichsen, Jerry Hooton, Gary Haliski, Tim

Foelker, Sonja Carlson

# **Notes**

## 1. Open Meeting

#### 2. Public Comment

Santa Clara Community Organization: Gary Haliski and Tim Foekler discussed a neighborhood bicycling project they are working on with Lane County. Want to add signage on streets to navigate from end of West Bank Path through the neighborhood (now), and secondly, develop a permanent shared use path from West Bank Path to the north (future). River Road is too scary for most people. Have been talking to Delta Sand and Gravel about getting some property to develop the northbound path. Would like BPAC to coordinate with SCCO on this endeavor. Looking for volunteers to help push the project forward. Lane County is working on a planning process to help develop the path alignment. SCCO will ride with Jay Bozevich this Saturday.

- Have you talked to anyone about what the funding source might be to do this? Not really, unaware of costs.
- If there are SCCO events, let us know (BPAC)

# 3. Approve February 11 Meeting Summary Notes

<u>Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes</u> Minutes were approved unanimously

## 4. Transportation System Plan Pedestrian-Bicycle Projects

<u>Action Requested: Discussion and Recommendation to Staff</u>
Kurt Yeiter in attendance to listen to BPAC issues and concerns. BPAC to assemble a list of recommendations for submission to Kurt. Infrastructure Subcommittee developed a project list based on a comparison with the

Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan (2012). The TSP will be adopted prior to Envision Eugene, as such, it is likely that when Envision Eugene does get adopted, there may be small changes made to the TSP.

#### Questions:

- Can there be shorter-range projects? Yes, we could do a strategic plan that is not adopted as part of the TSP.
- Have policies for Complete Streets been part of your process? No, Infrastructure Subcommittee was focused on project list.
- Some concern about removing some bicycle boulevards because it disregards projects originally in the PBMP. There were levels of bicycle boulevard that might make a difference in cost. (All costs were assumed at highest cost/level of bicycle boulevard.)
- If the line is on the map, it's more likely to get built.
- One way to do it might be to highlight 1 or 2 of the most important projects in each of the four review areas. Also, let's remember to discuss the Sustainability Commission letter.
- Walking and bicycling policies are very weak in the draft TSP. Just words, no accountability.
- What's the philosophy that we need to use to get to the system we envision?
- Some willingness to eliminate bicycle boulevard projects might be due to the lack of a clear definition of what constitutes one. Some old boulevard projects in the PBMP are listed as routes in the TSP.
- Some projects don't raise to a level that they are included in the TSP. Sharrows and some intersection improvements, for example, wouldn't be TSP projects.
- Maybe the Infrastructure Subcommittee could prioritize the list. Or, the group helps to identify a rating system.
- How long to provide feedback? Kurt, if things go well, early to mid-April there will be a formal notice to the State of Oregon that there is a draft TSP. There is a 30-day window for public review, then testimony and public review can come in during the public hearing. Preference would be to get comments to staff early.
- Is there something about a budget or cap we need to look at? No, you can put in as many projects as you want. However, there has been a theme for implementation and what can reasonably be expected for implementation. That figure did not exceed \$3M/year in the PBMP.
- Some additions desired include extension of the High Street PBL north of 6<sup>th</sup> or the addition of the Westleigh bicycle boulevard.
- Could the Infrastructure Subcommittee communicate the number of protected bike lanes, etc. How much of each facility type? There is a total in the tables.
- A goal might be to evaluate the plan based on connectivity. A strategy might be to trace a route and see if the facility type is adequate to the route.

- First job was to identify what was dropped from PBMP. And then, see if there are things to add in. But the second part is to discuss the policy implications.
- It would be great if there was enough guidance in the TSP so that decision making can be more clearly directed by the adopted plan.
- Is there interest in developing an ad hoc group to look at policies, like what Allen has written in the past that results in a more policyoriented draft? Yes. Joel will send out a Doodle Poll.
- Look at the TSP bike/ped policy.
- Would like staff to make a comment on each project type submitted by BPAC. Can this be done before April 7<sup>th</sup>? Yes, Transportation Planning staff can make comments. The comments would not be "final".

### 5. Pedestrian-Bicycle 101

#### Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

Reed Dunbar, Transportation Planner, gave a short presentation on use of language when discussing walking and bicycling. There are many new BPAC members and using, and understanding, proper terminology will be important to accurately discussing walking and bicycling, and for growing advocacy efforts.

Reed will send slides to the group. If you have a specific requests, please send to Lee.

# 6. Information Share – Project Updates

#### BPAC and Staff Information Share

Programs Subcommittee: talked about bike parking and outreach to businesses. Also, prioritized project list. Would like to have someone talk to the group about bike theft.

Next group ride: Churchill (Alpha). Bob will organize. Think about May Bike Month rides.

Update on Traffic Engineer position? None. Public Works is looking at the role of the position.

Allen: would like to lead a field trip on river connections to the downtown.

Shane: the Oregon Active Transportation Summit is on Monday and Tuesday.

Seth: relationship between active transportation and land use. The South Willamette Special Area Zone is under scrutiny. There is a group of people who are in support of better planning and urban design. More info at: wecaneugene.org

### 7. Adjourn

### **Future Agenda Topics**

- Lane Transit District Annual Route Review to be determined
- Railroad Quiet Zone April
- Bike Theft to be determined
- Moving Ahead to be determined
- Vision Zero to be determined
- Current Regional Bicycle Trends and Data to be determined
- Pedestrian-Bicycle Pavement Bond Measure Projects as needed
- Community Design Guide to be determined
- Automobile Parking Requirements to be determined
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategic Plan to be determined
- Traffic Enforcement/Citations to be determined
- Improved Crash Data/Traffic Enforcement to be determined
- Marking Crosswalks to be determined
- Development Code to be determined
- Pedestrian-Bicycle 101 regular agenda topic
- Parks and Recreation System Plan to be determine

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